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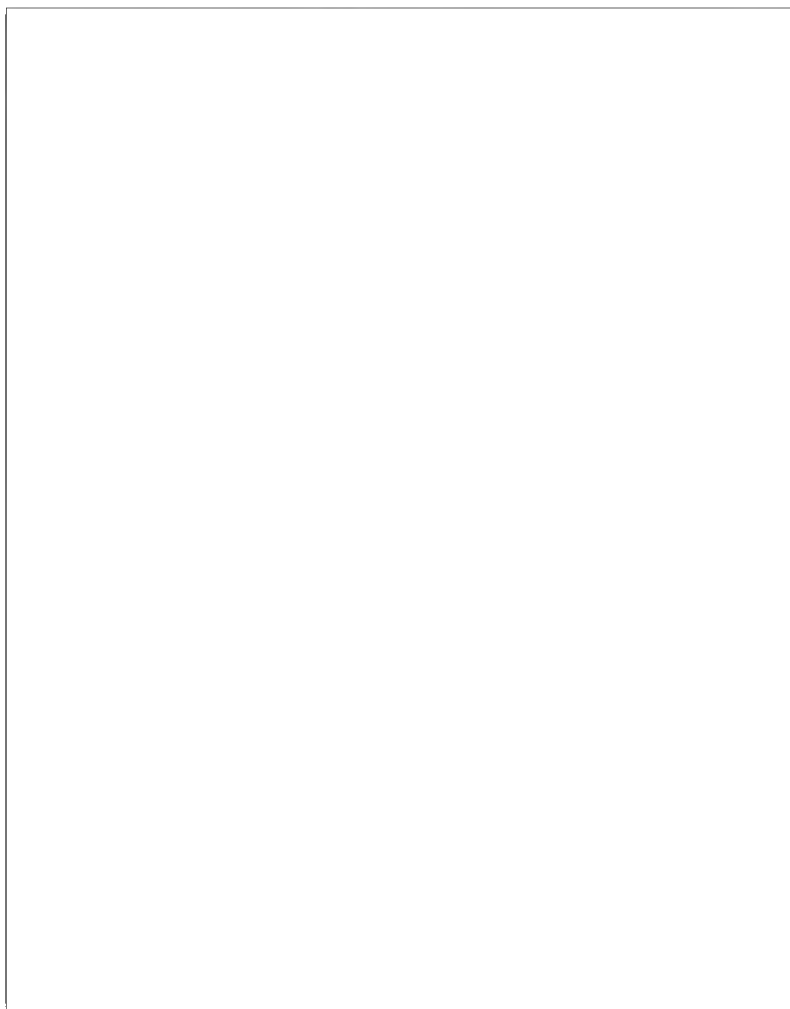
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1. USSR



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2. USSR

a. During Khrushchev's mid-September discourses on "terrible weaponry," he mentioned spending a day with military experts looking at "small arms, infantry and tank armament, and close range rockets."

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3. Turkey

a. Anti-Westernism appears to be on the rise. Influential papers and student organizations are calling for a more "independent" foreign policy and for improved relations with the Balkan satellites and Communist China.

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b. The government, embittered over the Cyprus situation, seems to be giving this campaign at least tacit approval.

c. Peiping and Moscow are doing their best to help the trend along, and Bulgarian-Turkish relations have been improving.

4. Congo

a. Tshombé, still unwanted at the nonaligned conference, languished yesterday in virtual house arrest in Cairo.

b. A tragicomedy enacted in Leopoldville upon Tshombé's departure has been further compounded. After a foul-up over UAR passports for his entourage, Tshombé called a UAR diplomat "forty kinds of filthy beast," Nasir closed down the UAR Embassy, and Congolese troops detailed to protect the UAR and Algerian chanceries zealously undertook to blockade them.

c. According to today's Cairo press, Tshombé was told he could not leave Cairo until this "siege" was lifted.

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d. Meanwhile, Robert Rothschild, a key aide to Spaak, has Tshombé's acceptance in principle for bringing in Belgian advisers in foreign, financial and interior affairs, who would operate as a "Council of Administrative Reconstruction" directly responsive to Tshombé.

e. In Brussels, Spaak is mulling over Rothschild's plan.

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5. Laos

a. As the rains end and the mud dries, Communist forces may be stirring.

b. Sizable truck movements are reported on the main supply artery from North Vietnam to the Plaine des Jarres.

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c. Observers in Vientiane are somewhat concerned lest Laotian generals be encouraged by their recent limited successes to bite off more than they can chew.

6. North Vietnam

a. The International Red Cross has received from the North Vietnamese Red Cross a letter for his wife from US Navy Lieutenant Alvarez--shot down during the August strikes on North Vietnamese naval bases.

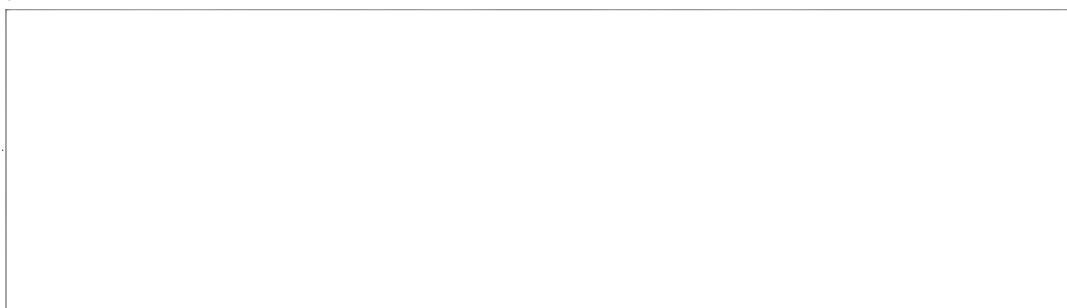
b. Red Cross officials say this is their first such communication from the North Vietnamese Red Cross. They hope it may ultimately lead to a release of prisoners.

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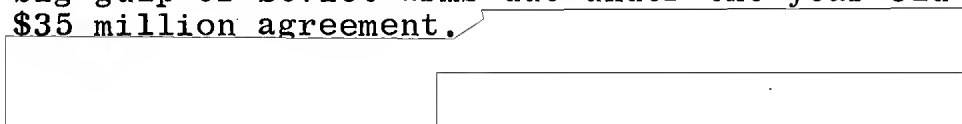
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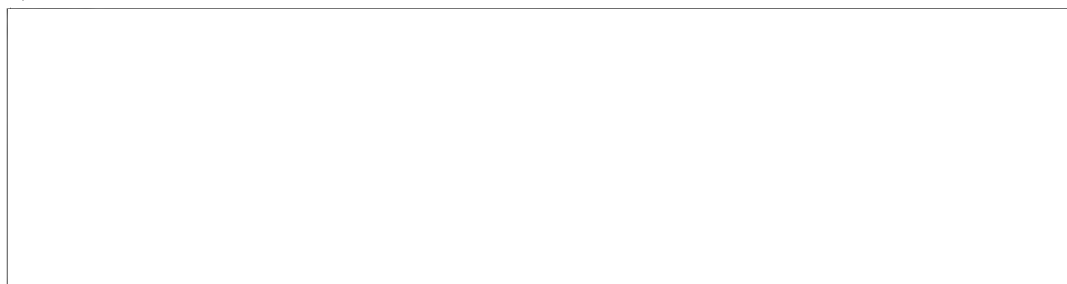


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B. USSR-Somalia The first Somali military trainees returned from the USSR in mid-August, and Somali forces would now appear to be ready for the first big gulp of Soviet arms due under the year-old \$35 million agreement.



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D. South Vietnam General Khiem is apparently due to leave Saigon today on his twice-postponed "thank you" trip to Europe. Some Vietnamese say that he has been reluctant to leave because his astrologer had failed to supply him an auspicious day on which to start.

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F. Italy Christian Democratic factions have papered over their differences and reaffirmed support for the center-left Moro government and its program. While this fends off an immediate government crisis, the other three partners in the coalition government remain skeptical of Christian Democratic intentions and of Moro's ability to implement the program.

G. West Germany - EEC A year-end crisis within the Common Market over the unification of grain prices is shaping up. Paris wants a decision in December, but Bonn is procrastinating.

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Already there are charges that the German farmer is to be sold "down the river."

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